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THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT TO COLLECT SOME 50 MILITARY VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA) LEFT IN ZAMBIA AFTER THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR.

THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIAN DAILY MAIL REPORTS TODAY THAT THE ANGOLAN EMBASSY HERE IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THE VEHICLES, LEFT AT KALABO IN ZAMBIA'S WESTERN PROVINCE, SHIPPED ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER TO MONGU WHERE THEY WILL BE AIR-FREIGHTED TO LUANDA. ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR IN LUSAKA, ANDRE MIRANDA, IS IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE EXAMINING THE VEHICLES AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHIPMENT TO ANGOLA.

IN ANOTHER FRONT PAGE REPORT, THE MAIL CARRIES A STORY QUOTING A
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HIGH-RANKING PARTY OFFICIAL AS SAYING ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA SHOULD CONTINUE TO LEAD THE NATION FOR "AS LONG AS HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH."

LUSAKA PROVINCE POLITICAL SECRETARY, JOHN SIMBOTWE, IS REPORTED AS SAYING: "THE IDEA OF GOING ROUND ASKING PEOPLE TO VOTE YES OR NO SHOULD BE ABOLISHED BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T WANT IT. THE ZAMBIAN

MASSES HAVE, IN FACT, MADE REPEATED APPEALS THAT AS LONG AS PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS IN GOOD HEALTH HE SHOULD CONTINUE TO LEAD THIS NATION."

PRESIDENT KAUNDA HIMSELF HAS ALSO SEVERAL TIMES TURNED DOWN CALLS FOR HIM TO BE LIFE PRESIDENT, AND HE REPEATED THIS LAST FRIDAY AT A NEWS CONFERENCE.

MEANWHILE, THE ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENT WHICH HAS BEEN IN RECESS SINCE LAST APRIL, RESUMES SITTING ON AUGUST 9, REPORTS THE MAIL. THE FORTHCOMING SESSION WILL INCLUDE MR. ARTHUR EUSTACE PIERS, THE FIRST EVER POPULARLY ELECTED WHITE MEMBER OF PARLIMENT SINCE THE COUNTRY ATTAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1964. ITEM. USIS LUSAKA.
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